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# SOUTHERN NOTES

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The good things about life in the South that the North does not hear or read about in papers and magazines.

—By—

**LAURENCE C. JONES,**

**Founder and Principal**

**"The Piney Woods Country Life School"**

**Piney Woods, Mississippi**

**Now in its 40th year.**

A few weeks ago a group of Southern white ladies from Memphis, Tennessee, passed our entrance, turned around, came back and drove upon the campus.

The group consisted of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Cain, Judge of the Juvenile Court in Memphis, Miss Eva Lou Briggs, Miss Sarah Moore and Miss Catherine Moores, Director of Child Adjustment, Memphis, Tennessee City Schools.

Below is a copy of a letter from Miss Moores, I have permission to print.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
of the  
**MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS**

317 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis 5, Tennessee  
August 29, 1951

Professor Laurence C. Jones  
Piney Woods Country Life School  
Piney Woods, Mississippi

Dear Professor Jones:

Now that my vacation is over and I am back at work, I've had time to think over and enjoy in retrospect all the experiences of my trip to the coast. From this point of view I find that one of the high lights of the week was the unplanned, unexpected, and entirely delightful visit to your school.

Frequently of late, I have found myself thinking of the way which we as a nation are traveling and the road which lies ahead, and often I feel a sense of defeatism. My visit to Piney Woods School was a fresh, invigorating, and inspirational experience which has done much to push back the blackness of this defeatish attitude. I have found new courage in witnessing the development of many things which I consider vital to the continuance of our success as a democracy—pride in craftsmanship, the dignity of labor, joy in the accomplishment of even small tasks, emphasis on the home-spun virtues which seem so sadly lacking in these days, contentment with existing conditions combined with vision for the future, and the utilization of every means at hand for the fulfillment of that vision.

I am grateful to you, your staff, and your student body for this experience and for your gracious hospitality.

With best wishes to you and for the continued success and growth of Piney Woods School.

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Moores  
Director of Child Adjustment  
Memphis City Schools.